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SENATE BILL 1226

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-421, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-425.01; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 **15-421. Governing board: members: qualifications**

5 A. The governing body of a school district shall be a governing
6 board. There shall be three governing board members, except as otherwise
7 provided by this section, ~~and~~ section 15-425, subsection A **AND SECTION**
8 **15-425.01.**

9 B. The governing body of a high school district shall be a governing
10 board composed of:

11 1. In a single district, the governing board members of the common
12 school district.

13 2. In a union high school district, five members.

14 C. A person who is a registered voter of this state and has been a
15 resident of the school district for **AT LEAST** one year immediately preceding
16 the day of election is eligible for election to the office of governing board
17 member.

18 D. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may
19 hold membership on a governing board of a school district by which such
20 employee is employed.

21 E. A member of one governing board is ineligible to be a candidate for
22 nomination or election to or serve simultaneously as a member of any other
23 governing board, except that a member of a governing board may be a candidate
24 for nomination or election for any other governing board if the member is
25 serving in the last year of a term of office. A member of a governing board
26 shall resign the member's seat on the governing board before becoming a
27 candidate for nomination or election to the governing board of any other
28 school district, unless the member of the governing board is serving in the
29 last year of a term of office.

30 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
31 amended by adding section 15-425.01, to read:

32 **15-425.01. Increase of governing board membership to seven
33 members; election of new members**

34 A. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTIONS 15-421 AND 15-425, IF THE STUDENT COUNT OF
35 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCEEDS FIFTEEN THOUSAND, A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING
36 BOARD SHALL PLACE ON A MEETING AGENDA WITHIN ONE YEAR THE QUESTION OF WHETHER
37 OR NOT THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
38 SHOULD BE INCREASED TO SEVEN. IF A MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS
39 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THE QUESTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL
40 DISTRICT ELECTORS AT THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS.

41 B. THE BALLOTS SHALL CONTAIN THE WORDS: "SEVEN GOVERNING BOARD
42 MEMBERS, YES. SEVEN GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS, NO."

43 C. IF THE MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING ON THE QUESTION OF
44 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE,
45 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTORS SHALL ELECT SEVEN GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS IN A
46 SIMILAR MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-424.